for the sake of the Supreme Self that exists in them. Another Rishi in the *Brihadaranyaka* avers the same truth when he says: *"This which is nearer to us than anything, this Self is dearer than a son, dearer than wealth, dearer than all else. If one were to say to one who declares another than the Self dear^timt he will lose what is dear to him, very likely it would he so. Let him worship the Self alone as dear. He who-worships the Self alone as dear, the object of his love never perishes"* Thus, the keynote of all that is said or sung by the Rishis is the exceeding Love of God towards all men and the correlative duty and privilege of the latter of trusting in Him with our whole heart. The Rishis go a step further and proclaim—

" *From His Love surely all these beings are born; by His Love created beings are sustained and into His Love, they proceed and enter.,"*

Accordingly, the metaphysics of creation •'can be satis- factorily expounded only on the principle of *Love* which connotes both the ardour and the resource—the wish and the will—the design and the delight—to create. All other possibilities of activity stop short somewhere. It is love alone that constitutes the ceaseless spring—the inexhaustible

reserve of both the wisdom and the power to create.

Therefore it is, it is said, that as against the scientist with his law and system, the philosopher with his cause and consequence and the historian with his process and result, the religionist, the man of faith, alone rightly appraises the universe as the emanation—Itself-expression of Divine Love. It is not the Power, not the Wisdom, not the Omnipresence—none of these noteworthy attributes of God, but it is His *Love* and Love alone is declared to furnish a valid explanation for the existence of the universe and provide an adequate ground and an enduring stamina for it. Power may create, but cannot design. Wisdom may plan, but cannot create. Similarly, the other modes of possible Divine self-expression will be found rather circumscribed in some way. It is His all-comprehensive Love—